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It is my profound regret to inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, has continued with its reckless and cruel campaign of military warfare against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in grave violation of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law. War crimes and acts of State terrorism continue to be committed daily by the occupying Power against the civilian Palestinian population under its occupation.

On Sunday, 20 August 2006, Israeli occupying forces kidnapped the Secretary-General of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Dr. Mahmoud Al-Ramahi, raising the number of democratically elected officials who have been kidnapped by Israel, the occupying Power, over the past month to 30. Israeli occupying forces, together with Shin Bet internal security agents, surrounded the home of Dr. Al-Ramahi in the West Bank town of Al-Bireh, in broad daylight and kidnapped him in front of his four children and wife. Dr. Al-Ramahi is the fourth-ranking official in the Palestinian Legislative Council and is responsible for many administrative and procedural matters. This illegal act comes a day after Israeli occupying forces kidnapped Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister, Dr. Nasser Al-Sha'er, also from his house in Ramallah. During that incident, Israeli occupying forces cordoned off the house of Dr. Al-Sha'er and ordered him via loudspeakers to surrender. He was taken to an undisclosed location.

In a meeting chaired by President Mahmoud Abbas, the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization condemned the kidnapping of Dr. Al-Sha'er and of other democratically elected Palestinian officials. In this connection, the Executive Committee released a statement in which they considered this arbitrary arrest, and the previous arrest of the Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker, Dr. Aziz Al-Dweik, and the other democratically elected ministers and legislators, as a flagrant violation of international law, as well as the signed accords between the

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Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel, which assures the full immunity of the Palestinian National Authority, its Government and the Palestinian Legislative Council. The Executive Committee called for the immediate release of all kidnapped elected Palestinian officials and called on the international community, including the United Nations, human rights organizations and the League of Arab States, to intervene in this regard.

On another front, Israeli occupying forces have persisted with their military campaign against the civilian Palestinian population throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, which has resulted in a heavy toll of civilian deaths and injuries and in the systematic destruction of civilian and vital infrastructure. In one tragic incident that occurred just yesterday, Israeli occupying forces shot dead a Palestinian and wounded three near Nablus in the north of the West Bank. Jalal Deryah was killed after Israeli occupying forces opened fire at Palestinian cars at the Hawarra checkpoint near Nablus. He died instantly from the Israeli gunfire.

Furthermore, on Friday, 18 August 2006, Israeli undercover units committed yet another extrajudicial execution, killing two Palestinians in Al-Obayidiya village east of Bethlehem. Israeli undercover units, backed by tanks, a helicopter gunship and a drone, entered the village wearing civilian clothes. They forced the two Palestinians into a cave where they fired a missile, killing them instantly.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 261 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 11 August 2006 (A/ES-10/354-S/2006/641), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that since our last letter to you at least 17 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,371. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 21 August 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Monday, 14 August through Sunday, 20 August 2006)

Monday, 14 August 2006

1. Zuhair Shehadah Al-Kafarneh
2. Othman Hassan Al-Kafarneh
3. Ahmad Youssef Ashour (8 years old)

Tuesday, 15 August 2006

1. Osama Al-Tubassi

Wednesday, 16 August 2006

1. Hassan Radwan Shaa'th (70 years old)
2. Ibrahim Shaa'th
3. Mus'ab Suleiman F'taih

Thursday, 17 August 2006

1. Ahmad Moussa Abu Bakrah
2. Shadi Hussain Mallah
3. Malek Jabr Yasseen
4. Anan Ahmad Daraghmeh

Friday, 18 August 2006

1. Mohammad Omar Al-Nazr (19 years old)
2. Ghanim Al-Khateeb
3. Khaled Mohammad Shanayteh
4. Oqlah Shanayteh

Saturday, 19 August 2006

1. Majed Khamees Sa'adeh

Sunday, 20 August 2006

1. Huda Issa Al-Nouri
2. Jalal Deryah

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,171.

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It is my regret to inform you that nearly two months have passed and the Israeli military aggression against the civilian Palestinian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, especially in the Gaza Strip, has not ceased. On the contrary, Israeli occupying forces continue to kill, injure, destroy and commit other violations of international law, including international humanitarian law, against the civilian population under its brutal occupation. Over the past two months, more than 200 Palestinians, including over 45 children, have been killed, thousands have been injured, and thousands have been forced to leave their homes due to repeated ground incursions and intensive shelling by the Israeli occupying forces.

Moreover, according to the latest situation report from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) dated 24 August 2006, approximately 120 Palestinian structures, including houses, workshops and greenhouses, have been destroyed and another 160 damaged by military actions by the Israeli occupying forces. The humanitarian aid that has reached the Gaza Strip has been very limited owing to the complete closure of the Karni crossing point. This has exacerbated the humanitarian crisis that has been unfolding in the Gaza Strip, increasing the suffering and hardship endured by the Gaza population. The World Food Programme (WFP) Country Director in the Occupied Palestinian Territory has warned that the Gaza economy is reaching rock bottom and that industries that were once the backbone of Gaza's economy and food system, such as the agriculture and fishing industries, are suffocated by the current situation and risk losing all viability.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces continued their aggression against the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In the West Bank town of Ramallah, Israeli occupying forces kidnapped another member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Mr. Mahmoud Mosleh,

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President Mahmoud Abbas released a statement declaring that the abduction was a flagrant violation of international legitimacy and a violation of the agreements signed between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. We continue to call on the international community to exert all efforts to compel the occupying Power to immediately and unconditionally release all democratically elected Palestinian officials.

Also today, Israeli occupying forces fired a missile from an Israeli warplane, killing four Palestinian security personnel in the Al-Shaiyeh neighbourhood of Gaza City. oh Moreover, a 15-year-old child died after an explosive left by the Israeli occupying forces detonated near him in Beit Hanoun, in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. His brother, 13 years old, was also seriously injured in the same incident.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 262 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 21 August 2006 (A/ES-10/355-S/2006/669), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that since our last letter to you at least 17 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,188. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Monday, 21 August, through Monday, 28 August 2006)

Monday, 21 August 2006

Saleem Deiriyeh

Tuesday, 22 August 2006

1. Saleh Abdel Ghafour
2. Abdel Khaleq Sa'eed Al-Farra
3. Bassam Youssef Sharab

Thursday, 24 August 2006

Youssef Abu Daqah

Saturday, 26 August 2006

Montasser Suleiman Al-Akkah (15 years old)

Sunday, 27 August 2006

1. Fat'hi Abu Ali Gombiz
2. Sameh Abu Amr
3. Waleed Al-Harazeen
4. Tareq Hilles

Monday, 28 August 2006

1. Salamah Thabet Abu Odwan
2. Mahmoud Hamdi
3. Mohammed Mostafa Hassanain
4. Khaled Kamal Al-Eljah
5. Mohammed Sadeq Hilles
6. Mohammed Za'anin (15 years old)
7. Wasim Nasim Al-Masri (18 years old)

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,188.

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As the international community remains silent, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in the Gaza Strip. Yesterday alone, Israeli occupying forces killed 11 more Palestinians, including an 11-year-old, a 14-year-old and an 18-year-old. Most of the deaths that have been inflicted on the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupying forces occurred in the Al-Shija'ya neighbourhood in the east of Gaza City. Over the past five days, Israeli tanks and warplanes have heavily shelled the area, causing a high number of deaths and injuries to the civilian population. In this regard, the total number of Palestinians killed since the Israeli incursion into Al-Shija'ya neighbourhood during this period now totals over 20, including children and women and a mentally disabled young man. Moreover, the total number of Palestinians killed since the beginning of the military aggression against Gaza and its inhabitants has increased to well over 220, including 46 children and 12 women. In addition, at least 755 others, including 203 children, 28 women, 4 paramedics and 6 journalists, have been wounded, many seriously.

It is starkly evident that it is the intention of Israel, the occupying Power, to cause as much death and destruction, both civilian and material, as possible in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, through its deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the occupied population. Indeed, in both word and action, the occupying Power has indicated that it will in fact continue with its aggression and its illegal policies, further compounding the suffering of the Palestinian people, whom are already living in impoverished conditions under its brutal occupation. We continue to call on the international community to take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military attacks and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

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The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 263 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dating from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 28 August 2006 (A/ES-10/354-S/2006/641), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that since our last letter to you at least 22 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,210. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Riyad **Mansour**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Tuesday, 29 August, through Thursday, 31 August 2006)

Tuesday, 29 August 2006

1. Hani Hashash
2. Ibrahim Anu Muneef
3. Mariam Farhouda
4. Ibrahim Al-Dairi
5. Jarad Al-Jamali
6. Haitham Hassan
7. Yousri Jaber
8. Ahmad Abdul Rahman
9. Mohammed Al-Zaqq (14 years old)
10. Hussam Abu Rokbah
11. Qais Aref Oufi

Wednesday, 30 August 2006

1. Hussam Jaradat
2. Rami Al-Gharabi
3. Ra'ed Sbeta
4. Muhannad Jendiyyeh
5. Salman Abu Al-Qomboz
6. Yasser Al-Gharabi
7. Nidal Al-Dahdouh (14 years old)
8. Iyad Al-Sarsak
9. Hamdi Al-Banna (18 years old)
10. Hussam Al-Sarsawi (11 years old)

Thursday, 31 August 2006

1. Fadi Qafisha

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,210.